



# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

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## JECVO

### June 2, 2010

# Agenda

- Veterans' Homes
- Cemeteries
- Legislation





# Thomson Hood Veterans Center Wilmore, KY

- 260 Residents in house
  - 25 available beds (2 SCU; 23 Gen)
  - 5 scheduled (0 SCU; 5 Gen)
  - 78 deaths FY10 (9 SCU; 69 Gen)
- 46 Pending list (2 SCU 44 General)
- 373 Employees



As of May 28, 2010



# Western Kentucky Veterans Center Hanson, KY

- 120 Residents in house
  - 0 available beds (0 SCU; 0 Gen)
  - 0 scheduled (0 SCU; 0 Gen)
  - 31 deaths FY10 (8 SCU; 23 Gen)
- 82 Pending list (31 SCU 51 General)
- 165 Employees



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# Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center Hazard KY

- 117 Residents in house
  - 3 available beds (0 SCU, 3 Gen)
  - 0 scheduled (0 SCU, 0 Gen)
  - 37 deaths FY10 (2 SCU, 35 Gen)
- 81 Pending list (0 SCU 81 General)
- 162 Employees



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# SVHs Resident Demographics

*As of May 28, 2010*

<b>CENSUS:</b>	497 (28 available beds, 2 SCU; 26 Gen)			
<b>Free Meds:</b>	249 (50%) (Pharmaceuticals)			
<b>70% SC:</b>	41 (Eligible for VA NH care)			
<b>Medicare Part B:</b>	437 (88%) (OHI 263, Tricare 26)			
<b>Single:</b>	354 (71%)			
<b>Max Charge (\$3,500):</b>	141 (28%)			
<b>Zero Pay:</b>	15 (3%)			
<b>Ex-POWs:</b>	1 (0.2%)			
<b>Females:</b>	24 (5%)			
<b>Deaths - FY10:</b>	146 (General 127; SCU 19)			
<b>AGE:</b>	64 & below 7%	65-74 10%	75-84 39%	85 & up 44%



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# Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West

Opened March 1, 2004



## Interments:

Veterans	1,098
Dependents	<u>314</u>
Total	1,412

Casketed	1,049
Cremated	345
Memorials	18

As of May 31, 2010



# Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central



Opened June 1, 2007

As of May 31, 2010

## Interments:

Veterans	1,078
Dependents	<u>196</u>
Total	1,274

Casketed	948
Cremated	315
Memorials	11

# Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North

Opened August 22, 2008



As of May 31, 2010

## Interments:

Veterans	209
Dependents	<u>28</u>
Total	237

Casketed	150
Cremated	76
Memorials	11





# Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East

- A&E Design Firm - Carman, Lexington, KY
- Master plan submission to SCGP - November 17, 2008
- Grant Award from SCGP - August 6, 2009
- Day 1 of Construction - August 10, 2009
- Groundbreaking Ceremony - September 18, 2009
- Construction progressing on schedule - Completion August 13, 2010
- Tentative date of Dedication - September 2010





# Burial Honors Stipend Program



*As of: May 31, 2010*

## FY 09 Honors

- 2,195 performed
- \$129,685 expended

## FY 10 Honors

- 1,845 performed
- \$106,610 expended



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# Successful Legislative Activity

- HB 14 - 3-day stay at parks if - service connected 100% permanently and totally disabled - Signed into law Feb. 2010
- HB 75 - Veterans Preference - Signed into law Feb. 2010
- HB 96 - Surviving spouse may retain recipient's Purple Heart license plate.



# Successful Legislative Activity

- HB 106 - Relates to veteran's discharge papers
- HB 199 - Unlimited number of military license plates per veteran.
- HB 261 - Creates Gold Star Father license plate
- HB 377 - Require during pre-trial investigation to ask whether an individual has served in combat



# Successful Legislative Activity

- HB 444 - Creates a medical foster home for no more than 3 veterans - to be supervised and regulated by the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- SB 71 - Creates a special license plate for recipients of the Silver Star Medal or the Bronze Star Medal.
- HJR 34 - Renaming WKVC in honor of Rep. Eddie Ballard



# Questions?



"Serving those who served  
the Commonwealth and our  
great Nation."

